

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

GWENDOLYN M. FERRIS,)
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Plaintiff,) Civil Action No. 19-167
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v.) Judge Cathy Bissoon
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
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Defendant.)

ORDER

Defendant's Motion (**Doc. 30**) for reconsideration, which the Court will construe as a Motion for relief from judgment under Civil Rule 60(b)(6), is **GRANTED**. Extraordinary circumstances exist,¹ namely, the Court mistakenly believed that Plaintiff's Motion for Approval of Wrongful Death & Survival Settlements (Doc. 24) was jointly-made, or at least was unopposed. Defendant promptly advised the contrary (*see Doc. 27*), and – its perplexing submission of a contemporaneous Rule 41 Stipulation (Doc. 28) notwithstanding – the interests of justice strongly favor reopening the case.

Consistent with the above, the case is **REOPENED**; the Court Orders approving settlement (**Doc. 25**) and approving the Stipulation of Dismissal (*see Doc. 29*) are **VACATED**; and a Telephonic Status Conference will be held on **November 5, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.** to discuss where the case will go from here.

¹ See Money Ctrs. of Amer. v. Regen, 2005 WL 2663709, *2 (D. Del. Oct. 17, 2005) (addressing standards applied in this Circuit for setting aside judgment of dismissal).

Counsel are directed to call USA Toll-Free Number (877) 336-1831. In the event of a prolonged busy signal, counsel are directed to call 404-443-6397. The Access Code is 6058460 for both telephone numbers. A security code will be emailed to counsel no later than 24 hours in advance of the Conference.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

October 22, 2020

s/Cathy Bissoon

Cathy Bissoon

United States District Judge

cc (via ECF email notification):

All Counsel of Record